

**Amendment to the specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 59, line 10 of the specification with the following replacement paragraph:

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First, 5-[4-(2',4'-dimethoxybiphenyl-3-yloxy)-benzylidene]-thiazolidine-2,4-dione (**60**), was synthesized using a scheme analogous to the synthesis of **58** depicted in Scheme 9. To a suspension of **60** (0.28 g, 0.65 mmol) in acetonitrile (20 mL) was added triethylamine (180  $\mu$ L, 1.3 mmol), ammonium formate (0.41 g, 6.5 mmol) and 10% Pd on alumina (0.5 g). After refluxing for 2.5 h, the mixture was filtered through Celite, which was subsequently washed with ethyl acetate (60 mL). The mixture was acidified with 10% citric acid (50 mL) then washed with water (50 mL), brine (50 mL) then dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), filtered and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude product was purified by flash chromatography using hexanes:ethyl acetate (3:7) to yield a light film (59 mg, 21%) after concentration and drying under high vacuum. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta$  12.04 (br s, 1H), 7.38 (t, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.27 (d, J = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 7.22 (d, J = 8.4, 1H), 7.20 (dt, J = 8.4 and 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (t, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.00 (d, J = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.90 (ddd, J = 8.0, 2.4 and 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.64 (d, J = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (dd, J = 8.4 and 2.4 Hz, 1H), 4.91 (dd, J = 8.8 and 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (s, 6H), 3.37 (dd, J = 14.4 and 4.4 Hz, 1H), 3.13 (dd, J = 14.4 and 8.8 Hz, 1H).